



DES Innovative Permitting Initiative

Goals:

- Better Overall Environmental Outcome
- Streamline DES's Land Development Permitting Processes
- Improve Coordination with other Agencies and Municipalities

Innovative Permitting Initiative Key Components

Guidelines on Best Practices for Minimum Impact Development



- **Regulated Activities** – e.g., wetlands, shoreland, stormwater management
- **Non-Regulated Activities** – e.g., energy efficiency, habitat protection, water conservation, walkability
- Utilize **Existing Resources** – e.g., LEED, LEED-ND, Sustainable Sites Initiative, National Home Builders Green Home Building Guidelines
- Identify Ways to **Estimate Environmental Benefits**

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Enhanced Pre-application Meeting

- Detailed review of conceptual (pre-engineering) site plans and available resource information
- Discussion of opportunities to reduce environmental impact (Best Practices Guidelines)



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Streamlined, Coordinated Permit Review and Technical Assistance

- Coordinated project review by DES permit team for higher-performing projects
- Enhanced coordination with municipal review, Federal review, and other state agencies
- Technical assistance provided to advance best practices from concept to design and implementation

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Questions or Comments?

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